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SUBJECT: FUKUDA VISIT: GUIDELINES FOR PRIME MINISTER'S
- PRESS BRIEFING

1. MOFA HAS GIVEN US FOLLOWING "PRESS GUIDELINES" DESIGNED FOR PRIME MINISTER'S USE IN BRIEFING PRESS AFTERNOON MAY 3, FOLLOWING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT. ALTHOUGH PRIME MINISTER UNDOUBTEDLY WILL STRAY FROM THIS SCRIPT, WHICH IN ANY EVENT HAS NOT YET BEEN CLEARED AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL, GUIDELINES GIVE RATHER DETAILED IDEA OF HOW JAPANESE SIDE WISHES MEETING WITH PRESIDENT TO BE STRUCTURED. GUIDELINES ARE IN THREE PARTS: PURPOSE OF VISIT, ITS SIGNIFICANCE, AND RESUME OF MEETING WITH PRESIDENT. GIST IS AS FOLLOWS:

2. PURPOSE OF VISIT:

-- GIVEN IMPORTANT ROLES OF US AND JAPAN IN WORLD, AND CLOSE INTERDEPENDENCE, ANNUAL MEETING FOR PURPOSE OF EXCHANGING VIEWS ON MAJOR ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ISSUES IS ESSENTIAL, AND IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF OUR CONTINUING DIALOGUE.

-- THE MAJOR SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF THIS VISIT, RECALLING
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LAST YEAR'S THEME "COOPERATION IN GLOBAL CONTEXT" WAS TO TAKE STOCK OF CHANGES WHICH HAVE OCCURRED IN RELATIONSHIP, AND EVOLUTION OF US-JAPAN GLOBAL ROLES. THIS MEETING WAS ALSO NECESSARY PRELUDE TO ASSURE SUCCESS OF BONN SUMMIT.

-- COROLLARY PURPOSE WAS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH LEADERS OF CONGRESS, EXPLAIN JAPAN'S ECONOMIC REALITIES, AND ATTEMPT TO GAIN DEEPER UNDERSTANDING ON HILL OF JAPAN'S CIRCUMSTANCES.

3. SIGNIFICANCE OF VISIT:

-- PURPOSES SET FORTH ABOVE WERE ACCOMPLISHED IN MEETINGS WITH PRESIDENT, CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS, MEMBERS OF CABINET AND MEDIA.

-- IN THREE AND ONE-HALF HOURS OF FRANK AND FRIENDLY CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT, JAPAN-US PARTNERSHIP, BASED ON FRIENDSHIP AND TRUST, INCLUDING PERSONAL TRUST AT HIGH LEVEL, WAS ENHANCED.

-- IN MEETING WITH PRESIDENT, MAJOR EVENTS OF PAST YEAR IN US-JAPAN RELATIONS WERE REVIEWED; IT WAS NOTED THAT PERSONAL CONTACT BETWEEN TWO LEADERS HAD HELPED SOLVE CONTENTIOUS ISSUES, SUCH AS TOKAI MURA, AND HAD FACILITATED PROGRESS IN ECONOMIC FIELD. IT WAS AGREED THAT THIS CONTINUING DIALOGUE WOULD BE MAINTAINED, NOT ONLY TO DEAL WITH BILATERAL ISSUES BUT ALSO TO ADDRESS MULTILATERAL PROBLEMS.

-- (IF AGREED IN PRINCIPLE.) IN THIS CONTEXT, PRIME
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MINISTER REAFFIRMED INVITATION TO PRESIDENT TO VISIT JAPAN AND WELCOMED FACT THAT PRESIDENT HAS AGREED TO VISIT AT MUTUALLY CONVENIENT TIME NEXT YEAR.

4. RESUME OF MEETING:

-- PRIME MINISTER REVIEWED ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF JAPANESE DIPLOMACY, INCLUDING DETERMINATION NOT TO BECOME MILITARY POWER, CENTRAL IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO US TIES, EFFORTS TO BUILD FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL NATIONS DESPITE DIFFERING SOCIAL SYSTEMS, DETERMINATION TO MAINTAIN US-JAPAN SECURITY RELATIONSHIP, WHICH WAS BASIC ELEMENT OF SECURITY AND STABILITY IN ASIA.

--JAPANESE SIDE DESCRIBED ITS POSTURE TOWARD SEVERAL ISSUES, INCLUDING ASEAN, QUESTION OF AID TO LDC'S, AND JAPANESE

ROLE IN WORLD ECONOMY, ALL OF WHICH REFLECTED MORE ACTIVE JAPANESE DIPLOMACY.

--PRESIDENT FOR HIS PART EXPRESSED DETERMINATION OF US

TO CONTINUE LEADING ROLE AS GLOBAL POWER IN BEHALF OF
WORLD PEACE. PRESIDENT ALSO REAFFIRMED THAT US, AS
LEADER OF ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY, WOULD CONTINUE
TO SEEK SOLUTION TO PROBLEMS BESETTING WORLD ECONOMY.

-- THERE WAS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON SEVERAL GEOGRAPHIC AND
FUNCTIONAL AREAS: NOTABLY, ASIAN SITUATION, MIDDLE EAST,
WORLD ECONOMIC CONDITIONS.

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-- ON ASIA, PRESIDENT EXPRESSED DETERMINATION OF US TO
MAINTAIN STRONG INTEREST AND ACTIVE ROLE IN REGION,
CONTRIBUTING THEREBY TO ITS PEACE AND SECURITY. PRESIDENT
NOTED THAT IT WAS IN THIS SPIRIT THAT VICE PRESIDENT WAS
TRAVELING TO SOUTHEAST ASIA. PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED
APPRECIATION FOR THIS ACTIVE AMERICAN ROLE.

-- THERE WAS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS CONCERNING CHINA AND
SITUATION ON KOREAN PENINSULA. IN ADDITION, PRIME MINISTER
NOTED JAPAN WOULD BE AUGMENTING ITS CONTRIBUTION TO
UNHCR FOR INDOCHINA REFUGEE SUPPORT AND WAS PREPARED TO
ACCEPT REFUGEES FOR RESETTLEMENT IN JAPAN.

-- PRIME MINISTER APPLAUDED UNITED STATES ROLE IN MIDDLE
EAST AND EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT FOR THOSE EFFORTS, SUCCESS
OF WHICH WAS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE. PRESIDENT EXPLAINED
MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, PROVIDED AN ESTIMATE OF FUTURE
PROSPECTS IN REGION, AND EXPRESSED DETERMINATION OF EFFORTS
TO SEEK DURABLE PEACE.

-- PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER ALSO EXCHANGED VIEWS ON
RESPECTIVE RELATIONS WITH SOVIET UNION.

5. WORLD ECONOMY: PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT AGREED ON IMPORTANCE OF US-JAPAN COOPERATION TO SECURE STABILITY AND PROGRESS IN WORLD ECONOMY, AGREED TO RESIST PROTECTIONIST CONFIDENTIAL

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PRESSURES AND PLEDGED BEST EFFORTS TO ASSURE SUCCESSFUL BONN SUMMIT. MORE SPECIFICALLY:

-- PRIME MINISTER EXPLAINED STATUS OF JAPANESE ECONOMY, AND PROVIDED ESTIMATE OF ITS PROSPECTS. PRESIDENT DISCUSSED SITUATION IN US ECONOMY, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO COMBAT INFLATION AND ESTABLISH ENERGY POLICY. PRIME MINISTER EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR US EFFORTS IN THOSE FIELDS, AND HOPED THAT SUCCESS WOULD LEAD TO BALANCE OF PAYMENTS IMPROVEMENT AND MORE STABLE DOLLAR.

-- THE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER REVIEWED AGENDA ITEMS OF UPCOMING BONN SUMMIT, INCLUDING MTN, NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES AND ENERGY. WITH RESPECT TO LATTER, PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER AGREED ON IMPORTANCE OF PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY.

6. CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION: PRIME MINISTER AND PRESIDENT AGREED ON NEED TO EXPAND COOPERATION IN THESE FIELDS. PRIME MINISTER INFORMED PRESIDENT OF JAPANESE WILLINGNESS TO SHARE COSTS OF FULBRIGHT PROGRAM, AND OF DONATION TO BOSTON MUSEUM. WITH RESPECT TO TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION, PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER AGREED THAT FUSION AND SOLAR ENERGY SOURCES DESERVED PARTICULAR ATTENTION. WITH RESPECT TO FUSION, PRIME MINISTER LOOKED FORWARD TO EARLY CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN THAT FIELD. PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER ALSO AGREED THAT INCREASED COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF PHOTOSYNTHESIS RESEARCH WAS NECESSARY. SHERMAN

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